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MEMORANDUM BY THE FRENCH DELEGATION

FRENCH PROPOSALS FOR CHANGES IN LISTS I AND IV.

The French Delegation have the honour to submit herewith their proposals concerning the review of Lists I and IV. They reserve the right subsequently to submit proposals regarding the Munitions List and the Atomic Energy List and, more especially, requests for the transfer of certain items from the Munitions List to List I.



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"Capable of the production of gears of a module finer than 0.5 mm."

Remarks

Gear making machines of a module finer than 0.5 mm are machines of very small capacity for precision mechanics and watch-making, whereas the same machines for modules larger than 0.5 mm are machines of medium or very great capacity.

It should be noted moreover that old Item 1088 authorised the export of hobbing machines up to 48 inches (1.22 m) maximum work diameter.

ELECTRONICS AND PRECISION INSTRUMENTSItem 1520

Item 1520 as defined at present gives rise to divergencies of interpretation.

In any television network, however complex, there are one or several cameras at one extremity and one or several transmitters at the other. Moreover, a television network constitutes a non-strategic whole all of whose parts have been removed from the Coordinating Committee's lists except for Hertzian links of high power and long range, which were only excepted because of the fear that these links would be utilised by the Eastern countries in order to constitute a large number of base telephone channels.

The French Delegation consider that a limit of 5 watts on the unitary power of each relay practically excludes this possibility, as to obtain stable telephonic links having a large number of channels and operating over long distances it is necessary to have a much greater power.

The French Delegation reserve the right to propose to the Committee a formula which would avoid any misunderstanding.

Item 1526

Add to the present definition:

".... except those specially designed for telecommands, telecontrols and service transmissions for railways".

Remarks

Railway equipment and material having been excluded from control, it is not logical to leave in the strategic lists

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the cables which are their indispensable complement and which do not possess the normal capacities of the homogeneous telecommunication cables.

METALS, MINERALS AND THEIR MANUFACTURESItem 1635 (a)(2)

Add to the present definition:

".... except rapid steels containing up to 10% of cobalt, less than 5% of chromium and no nickel".

Remarks

These steels which are used to manufacture tools are standard steels which are well known in Soviet Bloc countries.

Item 1658(b)

Add to the present definition:

".... This sub-item does not cover clean wire of a diameter not exceeding 800 microns and which, after having been fully annealed, has an elongation factor not exceeding 12%".

Remarks

This new wording is justified by the following considerations:

- (1) The electronic uses of molybdenum wires require an elongation factor of about 20%;
- (2) The higher diameter limit of 800 microns may be admitted owing to the almost insurmountable difficulties in cleaning a wire whose diameter does not exceed that figure, with a view to later re-drawing;
- (3) A wire which has undergone the necessary operations to give it the characteristics indicated is by that very fact rendered unfit for electronic uses, as no further treatment can improve its qualities (elongation factor).

Item 1661 (b)(ii)

Add to the present definition:

".... excluding narrow strips for two-bladed thermostats".

Remarks

These strips do not meet the requirements of any of the three criteria on which the 1958 list review was based.

B. TO BE DELETEDItem 1529(b)

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This sub-item should be deleted because of duplication. As strategic materials in excess of 300 megacycles are specially mentioned in the following different items:

1521(a), 1533, 1544(a) and 1558(b)

the French Delegation consider that Item 1529(b) should be included in Item 1593.

By its over-general character Item 1529 constitutes a serious obstacle to exchanges between countries participating in the Coordinating Committee in a large number of non-strategic items, whereas those among them which are subject to embargo are covered in accordance with clearly defined items on List I.

II. FRENCH PROPOSAL FOR CHANGES IN LIST IV

RAILWAY EQUIPMENT

Item 4481

"Railway signalling apparatus, including cables intended to transmit such signals".

Remarks

Railway equipment and material having been excluded from control, it is logical to free the cables which are an indispensable complement thereof and which do not possess the normal capacities of homogeneous telecommunication cables.

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